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Letter dated 27 January 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 22 January 2014 from Léonie Banga-Bothy, Minister for Foreign Affairs, African Integration, la Francophonie and Central Africans Abroad of the Central African Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

As made clear in the report of the assessment mission established by the Secretary-General, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2121 (2013), restoring security in the Central African Republic is a matter of priority. The current situation is a direct threat to international peace and security.

The efforts of the international community to restore security and law and order in the Central African Republic through the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (MISCA), and the assistance of French forces for the implementation of the mission's mandate, have been welcomed by various parties, including the European Union.

The latter has just informed me that, on 20 January 2014, the Council of the European Union approved the Crisis Management Concept governing the future deployment of a European Union force in the Central African Republic.

The Head of State of the Transition, who will not be assuming office until 23 January 2014, has requested me to communicate to you in advance her agreement to the provision of an additional European Union contribution to the international community's efforts, in the form of a military operation, in accordance with the 20 January 2014 decision of the Council of the European Union, in the interests of protecting civilians and restoring security and law and order.

I wish to point out the immediate need for the Security Council to adopt a resolution making it possible to give effect to the decision of the Council of the European Union regarding that operation, thus enabling the deployment of the European Union force in the territory of the Central African Republic.

In that connection, the authorities of the Central African Republic confirm formally their support for a Security Council resolution providing a suitable mandate for the European force.

Your support, and the support of the Security Council through such a resolution, would be highly appreciated and would enable the European Union deployment.

(*Signed*) Léonie **Banga-Bothy**
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la Francophonie and Central Africans Abroad